

April 22, 2004

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Re: Edwards for President: FEC Id. No. C00384073, Amended Year End Report

Dear Ms. Palmer,

This is in response to your letter requesting additional information pertaining to the above-listed report of Edwards for President (the Committee). The following sections are headed to addresses the issues raised in your letter.

Contributions

You have requested additional information on the reattribution, redesignation, or refund of certain contributions that are so marked in your request. The Committee has reviewed the contributions noted by you and is providing the following information. Because this response must be filed electronically, a copy of the Committee's report and checks will be provided under separate cover.

With respect to fifteen (15) of the contributions noted, the Committee made inadvertent attribution mistakes. In each of these cases, the Committee received a contribution from a joint checking account or a joint credit card contribution on the Internet and did not split the contribution correctly between the joint account holders or the wrong portion was attributed. Unfortunately, due to our data entry errors, the contributions appeared to be excessive when they were not.

These are contributions from Katherine Bradley, Jon Brown, Laurence Brown, Davenport, Devine, Feldman, Friedman, Gross, Horton, Jones, Joan Levy, Loncar, Norman, Scarantino, and Willingham. Amendments of previous quarterly reports will be filed to correct the public record pertaining to all fifteen (15) of these contributions. Copies of the checks will be provided under separate cover.

The Commission noted two contributions that appeared to be excessive from Surita Khanna, one on September 30, 2003, and one on December 23, 2003. The \$2,000 September contribution was returned for insufficient funds, which results in only one contribution from Khanna for a total of \$2,000. The Year End Report has been amended to reflect this, and copies of the checks will be provided.

The Commission also noted two contributions that appeared to be excessive from Jonathan Taft, one on February 25, 2003 and one on December 31, 2003. The Committee refunded the \$2,000 February contribution because Taft was a minor at the time. That refund has previously been reflected on the April 2003 Quarterly report, and a copy of the check will be provided under separate cover.

With respect to four (4) of the contributions noted, the Committee has timely refunded the excessive portion of the contributions (i.e., within sixty days). These are the contributions from Bill Bradley, Carpenter, Chasen, and Heiligenstein. These refunds have been reflected on the February 2004 report, and copies of these checks will be

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provided.

Nineteen (19) of the contributions noted by you were refunded late. These are Bell, Bulkeley, Edelstein, Eynon, Goldberg, Josel, Kellum, Mark Levy, Mongeluzzi, Purdy, Ray, Reinhart, Rothweiler, Russotti, Service, Sims, Stewart, Whatley, and Wilks. Fifteen (15) of these refunds are reflected on the Amended Year End Report, and four are reflected in the May 2004 report. These checks will be provided under separate cover.

As for the contributions found excessive past the sixty days, the Committee has always intended to fully comply with the reattribution, re-designation, and refund provisions set forth by the Commission. We acknowledge that the Commission views excessive contributions as a serious issue, and we have taken steps to deal with them accordingly.

Purpose

Finally, you ask the Committee to change the disbursement description for event paraphernalia. The Committee will amend its report to change the description to campaign material.

I hope that this information is sufficient for your review. However, should you desire any additional information please contact our Counsel Lyn Utrecht at 202-778-4007.

Sincerely,

Julius Chambers
Treasurer